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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/640,584

Filed: August 18, 2000

For: PRINTING SYSTEM, PRINTING  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
MEMORY

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Examiner: G.I. Garcia

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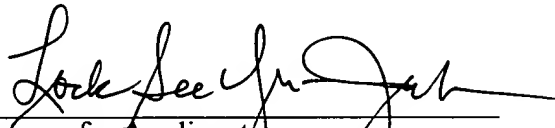
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Also enclosed are copies of the listed documents, as well as a copy of a European Search Report dated November 28, 2003, citing the listed documents in a counterpart application.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet issued in this application.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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